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SUBJECT: APPROACH TO GOB ON HUMAN RIGHTS

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1. REFTEL A REQUESTS ADDRESSEES TO ASSURE THAT THE HOST GOVERNMENT IS AWARE OF THE GREAT INTEREST IN THE UNITED STATES IN THE INTERNATIONAL PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, PARTICULARLY AS NOTED BY THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1974, WHICH WERE TRANSMITTED BY REFTEL B.

2. THE CONGRESSIONAL ATTITUDE ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES REMAINS AS DESCRIBED AT JANUARY CHIEFS OF MISSION MEETING BY MEMBERS OF CONGRESSIONAL STAFFS. THE DEPARTMENT IS CONFIDENTIAL

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CONTINUING TO RECEIVE A STEADY FLOW OF INQUIRIES ON THE

GENERAL HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN BRAZIL AS WELL AS ON
SPECIFIC CASES OF ALLEGED HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS THERE.
FOR EXAMPLE, CONGRESSMAN FRASER HAS JUST ASKED WHETHER THE
EMBASSY MIGHT MAKE INQUIRIES AND EXPRESS CONCERN ABOUT THE
WELL-BEING OF ANA ROSA KUCINSKI SILVA AND HER HUSBAND.
INQUIRIES OF THIS SORT ARE OF COURSE COMPLICATED BY TWO
FACTORS: FIRST MINISTER FALCAO'S ASSERTION THAT WILSON
SILVA'S WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN AND HIS WIFE HAS NO RECORD
AND IS UNKNOWN TO THE AUTHORITIES AND SECOND: THE FACT THAT
ACCORDING TO OUR FILES WE HAVE NEVER MADE DIRECT OFFICIAL
INQUIRIES IN BRAZIL REGARDING ANYONE WHO DOES NOT HAVE A
POSSIBLE CLAIM TO U.S. CITIZENSHIP. (OF COURSE, IN OTHER
COUNTRIES WE HAVE INQUIRED ABOUT THE WELFARE OF NON-
U.S. CITIZENS.) WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS ON
FRASER'S REQUEST. EXCHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE WITH FRASER
BEING POUCHED.

3. WITH REFERENCE TO PARA 1, HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THAT
IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR YOU PERSONALLY TO ALERT SILVEIRA
TO THE ATMOSPHERE ON HUMAN RIGHTS HERE IN GENERAL AND IN
THE CONGRESS IN PARTICULAR. YOU COULD CITE CASES OF
PARTICULAR INTEREST SUCH AS PAULO STUART WRIGHT AND
ANA ROSE KUCINSKI AND HER HUSBAND. WE LEAVE ENTIRELY TO
YOUR DISCRETION THE TIMING AND STYLE OF YOUR APPROACH. KISSINGER

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